

REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1-20 were pending.

Claims 1, 3, 11, 12 and 14-20 are amended.

Claims 2, 4-10 and 13 are as previously presented.

Claims 21-31 are new.

Claims 1-31 are now pending.

Claim 1 is amended by removing most of the optional steps i.e. original steps 2,3,4,8 and 9, and to renumber the remaining steps. The remaining steps are also amended as follows:

Step (1) is reworded for clarity.

In present Step (2), which was original step (5), references to the now deleted optional steps are removed as is the phrase 'optionally with addition of water or an organic liquid'. Wording is also added to clarify that the different pigment suspensions of the first and second component from the first step are either transferred into separate storage vessels or alternately both pigment suspensions are transferred into the same storage vessel. Wording to the same effect is also added to step (4).

In present step (3), original step (6), the term 'liquid phase' is changed to 'liquid medium', the phrase 'organic liquid, the amount of organic liquid being from 0 to 50% by weight' is changed to 'organic liquid in which the amount of organic liquid is from 0 to 50% by weight' and the spelling of the word 'exceed' has been corrected.

Present step (4), original step (7), has also been amended to delete the phrase 'if applicable' and to replace 'the last pass' with 'a last pass'.

Claim 3 is amended to change the term 'diketopyrrolopyrroles' to 'diketo[3,4-c]pyrrolopyrroles'.

Claims 11, 12, 15-17 and 20 are amended to make them consistent with the presently renumbered steps of Claim 1.

Claim 14 is further amended so that proper antecedent basis exists for all terms.

Claim 15 is further amended to change the word 'have ' to 'having'.

Claim 18 is amended to alter dependency to claim 5 and for clarity by replacing the term 'comprising' with 'wherein the two quinacridones or a quinacridone and a diketopyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole are selected from the following pairs:', to change the serial commas to semicolons and to eliminate the word 'or'.

Claim 19 is amended to replace the phrase 'amount of organic liquid is from 0 to 3% by weight of liquid, based on the total amount of organic liquid and water' with the term 'liquid media is'

New claims 21-23 are added to reclaim material deleted from original claim 1.

Support for claim 24 is on page 6, lines 14-22 of the specification.

New Claims 25-31 are added to reclaim material deleted in the preliminary amendment by eliminating the multiple ranges in original claims 1-5 and 7-15. Support is found in the original claims and page 14 last paragraph and the top half of page 15 in the specification.

No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for a variety of reasons. Applicants respectfully aver that the amendments above have addressed the Examiner's concerns as follows.

Most of the "optional steps" have been removed from Claim 1.

The examiner requested clarification of the phrase "are each independently from the other so synthesized that they precipitate" that was originally found in Step 1 of Claims 1. This phrase has been deleted. While the language added to replace it in does not detail the specific steps used in the

synthesis, the present language when read in light of the specification is clear that the method of the invention how to prepare a conditioned pigment from the pigment slurries of the synthesized components.

Regarding the step of precipitation, by definition pigments are insoluble in common media and precipitate as soon as they are formed.

Elimination of steps 2-4, 8 and 9 and the deletion of a portion of original step (5) obviate many of the rejections. Language is added to original step (5), now step (2), to clarify the remaining issues in this step raised by the Examiner.

The amendments to the preceding claims obviate the rejection of the phrase 'does not already consist of water and optionally an organic liquid'. Replacing "liquid phase" with "liquid media" also resolves an issue regarding proper antecedence.

"The last pass" is replaced with "a last pass" in original step (7), now step (4).

Claim 14 is reworded to remove the issue regarding proper antecedence of "the radial speed".

Applicants suggest that the amendments to claim 18 in punctuation and wording clarify that the pigment is to comprise one of the recited groupings.

In light of the amendments and the present discussion, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejections are addressed and are overcome.

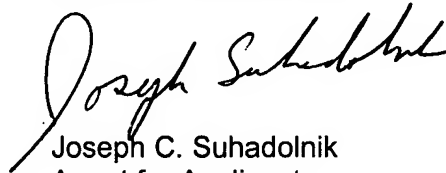
The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Claims 1 and 15 are objected to. The changes recommended by the Examiner have been incorporated. Applicants submit that the objections are addressed and are overcome and respectfully ask that the Examiner withdraw said objections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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